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REMARKS

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1. In September 1954, the Jiriho z Podebrad Barracks in Prague housed the station headquarters (Posadkove Velitelstvi).

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the military main administration (Hlavni Vojenska Sprava) at 4 Revolucni trida was located in a multi-story former private apartment house on the east side of the street, just north of the Jiriho z Podebrad Barracks.

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the military district administration (Okresni Vojenska Sprava) at 17 Arbesovo namesti in Prague XVI (Smichov Borough) was also staffed with soldiers who wore brown service color.

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2. Prior to early April 1955, a five-story building in the Bubenec Borough housed the geographic institute of the armed forces. It was bounded by Dymitrova, formerly Rooseveltova in the north, Thaelmanova, formerly Verdunska, in the south, and Na Piavske in the west. Officers and NCOs who wore dark-brown boots were constantly observed at the entrance which was located on ul. Dymitrova. Prior to April 1955, officers with ranks ranging from lieutenant to lieutenant colonel who wore khaki and also blue uniforms were constantly observed at the military academy on the south side of ul. Na Valech in the Hradcany Borough.[2]

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3. From 20 July to 5 September 1954, a new target range was constructed in the area of the former brickyard south of Sedlec (Selz, Q 51/L 79) near Prague. The project included slopes, 100, 200 and/or 300 meters long, which were erected to form the individual ranges. The labor force was guarded by SNBs.

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4. Prior to April 1955, over 20 canvas-covered trucks were frequently observed from Pohorelec Square in the area of the former Prokopa Holeho Barracks. Soldiers observed at the installation wore khaki uniforms with red epaulets. The former "Pomn Pluk Svece" (Colonel Sveč) monument east of the installation was removed.[3] Prior to April 1955, soldiers of young classes who wore khaki uniforms, presumably with red service color, were observed in the area of the Stefanik Barracks (Fucik Barracks). In April 1955, a company whose soldiers exclusively carried small arms came out of these billets.[4]

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1. Comment. The present report adds credence to the location of offices in the Jiřího z Podebrad Barracks. This installation houses the station headquarters and, possibly, the military administration of justice also. The military main administration at 4 Revoluční třída and the military district administration at 17 Arbesovo náměstí in Prague-Smychov are reported for the first time. Administrative units wear brown service color. 25X1

2. Comment. The present report confirms the geographic institute of the armed forces in Borough Bubenec and the military academy in Borough Hrad[redacted] 25X1

3. Comment. [redacted] July 1955, trucks and soldiers were observed in the southern section of the former Prokopa Holého Barracks. The unit quartered in the installation is still unidentified. 25X1

4. Comment. The barracks installation is known, but its occupation is still undetermined.

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